

much inconvenience and necessitates their closing the shops for two or three days in the month during their enforced absence. Therefore Patels of villages should be directed to receive and remit the khists to Taluk Cutcherry as before.

Dewan's reply.—This must be done of course. Orders will issue.

Subject No. 158.

Insufficiency of wet lands under the Guntakolamenahalli Tank, Challakere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The area of land available for cultivation at present under the Guntakolamenahalli Tank of Rekalgere Series is very small. More than a lakh of rupees has been spent by Government on this project. Therefore 200 acres of land fit for wet cultivation should be transferred to the raiyats from the Amrut Mahal Kaval of that village. This would benefit both the raiyats and the Government.

Dewan's reply.—The project is not yet complete. After its completion, the matter will have to be dealt with in consultation with the Amrut Mahal Department and land made available for cultivation as far as possible.

Subject No. 159.

Revision of Potgi in the Challakere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The amount of Potgi now paid to the Shanbhogs is much less than what should be paid upon the present Jamabandi of villages. The existing rate was fixed upon the Jamabandi of the late famine year, and requires early revision.

Dewan's reply.—This will be done soon. The Deputy Commissioner says he has reported on the subject.

Subject No. 160.

Remission rules to be extended to garden lands also under Tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Under existing orders remission is granted only on wet lands under tanks and not on lands classed as garden although under the same tanks. This is unjust. Remission of assessment should be granted on all lands, whether wet or garden, situated under a tank which has not been in action.

Dewan's reply.—The rules are correct as they are. No remission is required ordinarily on lands classed as garden. Remission was sanctioned as an exceptional case in an exceptional season of drought even on land classed as garden but ordinarily cultivated with rice crop.

Subject No. 161.

Silahdars to be stationed in frontier Taluks.

Summary of discussion.—For the effectual prevention of crime, a Biradari of Silahdar horse should be stationed in the Taluks of Molakalmuru, Jagalur, Hiriyur, Challakere and Davangere, which border on British Territory. Frontier raids have been numerous of late years, due entirely to the withdrawal of Silahdar detachments formerly stationed here. Their very presence was sufficient to deter criminal classes. The Police can be strengthened but their utmost vigilance would be insufficient.

Dewan's reply.—This will be done. The Deputy Commissioner will put himself in communication with the Military Secretary on the subject.